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Robert H. Hunter
Secretary
Department of Community & Cultural Affairs
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Dear Secretary Hunter:

This letter is to inform you that the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is approving your request to extend the ten (10) day requirement up to thirty (30) days, or by November 6, 2019, for Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) recipients on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. This approval allows NAP recipients to request the replacement of destroyed NAP coupons and/or food that was purchased with NAP coupons that have been destroyed as a result of Typhoon Hagibis that passed through the Marianas on October 7-8, 2019.

FNS is approving the extension of the reporting period to November 6, 2019 as follows:

- Fifty (50) percent, or up to \$484,530 of the total October benefits issued from September 26th through October 4, 2019 may be requested for replacement by NAP recipients on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) must notify the eligible households of their extended reporting period. The notification should specify the new reporting period and requirements for replacement eligibility. Notifications can be done via mail or in person.

Please apply the disaster-related costs to the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to administer the NAP.

Thank you for your continuous dedication to the people of CNMI. If you have any questions, please contact Maribelle Balbes at 415-437-8802 or by email at Maribelle.Balbes@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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